

Summary of Public Comments and MassDEP's Response

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Pursuant to Chapter 21, Section 43 of the General Laws, and 314 CMR 7.00 and 2.09, response to public comments is given for the following application for a sewer connection permit:

PROJECT NAME: BWP IW38: PERMIT FOR INDUSTRIAL SEWER USER IN IPP POTW
DISCHARGING MORE THAN 50,000 GPD

APPLICANT: Pittsfield Generating Company, L.P.

LOCATION : Pittsfield Generating Company, L.P., 235 Merrill Road, Pittsfield, Massachusetts

PURPOSE: Sewer Connection Discharge Permit

TRANSMITTAL NO.: W204742

PUBLIC COMMENT END DATE: March 12, 2008

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED:

1. This facility is built on a highly contaminated site! In addition to the soil being contaminated, the General Electric Company used injection wells to pump all sorts of contamination, if I remember correctly, a thousand feet or more below ground. This permit should include testing not only for PCBs, but also Article IX constituents.
2. I assume this permit allows Pittsfield Generating to discharge to the Pittsfield Municipal Sewer System. In no case should they be allowed to discharge anywhere on site nor directly to the Housatonic River.

MassDEP's RESPONSE TO COMMENTS:

MassDEP has evaluated the comments and has determined that they will not affect the Department's decision to issue the permit as proposed. MassDEP's response to each comment is as follows:

- #1. In its application Pittsfield Generating (PG) has included the pollutants contained in the effluent. PG does analyze the effluent for PCB. Given that this facility is an existing operation and the type of processes involved, the Department does not believe other testing is warranted.
- # 2. Pursuant to 314 CMR 7.00, Pittsfield Generating (PG) is seeking to obtain a permit to discharge domestic and industrial wastewater to the City of Pittsfield's Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as

the commenter has expressed. PG is not proposing to discharge on site and/or to the Housatonic River in this application. Those discharges are regulated under separate regulations.

MassDEP's PROPOSED ACTIONS:

The MassDEP proposes to issue this permit. The permit will become effective 30 days after Department signature, and will be valid for five years.

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